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New Brockton Town Council accepts resignation of District Three Council Member Will Reeves

During the New Brockton Town Council meeting held Monday evening, Aug. 5, council members were presented a resignation letter from District Three council member Will Reeves.

Mayor Charles Schieffer said the council could vote to accept the resignation of Reeves and begin the process of finding a new council person for that seat; or, he said the council could wait until Reeves had been vacant from his duties for 90 days and begin the process at that time.

Council members voted unanimously to accept the resignation from Reeves. No

further details were provided during the meeting.

Also, during the meeting council members voted to pass along 7 percent of the cost for family coverage insurance to employees that currently have the family coverage plans. Mayor Schieffer noted that is currently only two employees.

The town will cover all but 7 percent of the cost.

The council noted the town pays all but 3.5 percent of insurance coverage costs for those employees that have single coverage plans.



Those present Monday evening, Aug. 5, for the unveiling of the Book Vending Machine at Zion Chapel School included: (front, l to r) Principal Jared Robinson, Maggie Sneed, Pam Flowers, Malloriee Prescott, Erin Wright, Ellie Wright, Baker Wright, Lauren Crawley, Assistant Principal D'Andra Tingey, Petite Miss ZC Isabella Boutwell, Little Miss ZC Everleigh Claire Sasser, and Future Little Miss ZC Addie Kate Baldwin; (back l to r) Assistant Principal Randy Bryant, Amber Danley, Ashley English, Stacey Nelson, Carson Jensen, Paula Black, Stephanie McIntosh, Jennifer Gatlin, Emily Carnley, Miss ZC Kerrigan Powell, Junior Miss ZC Paisley Kate Jordan, Teen Miss Emma Kate Jordan, and Britley Parker. The machine was donated to the school as a literacy project for Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama.

Altrusa of Jack unveils book vending machine at Zion Chapel

Zion Chapel students will enjoy a special kind of vending machine this school year thanks to a donation from the members of Altrusa International of Jack.

The club members purchased a Book Vending

Machine for the school. It was unveiled Monday evening, Aug. 5, during the school's open house prior to the start of the new school year.

"Literacy is a main focus of our organization so we wanted to choose a project that would be about literacy," said Altrusa of Jack member Britley Parker.

She said the club members had held fundraising events to make way for the purchase of the vending machine. Also, she said the club received two grants - an Altrusa International Foundation Grant and a District Four Foundation Grant - that helped with the purchase.

"Altrusa of Jack will keep the machine fully stocked with help from the community," Parker said. "We are really excited to see this machine in our school, and we look forward to seeing the students enjoy it as well as they read more books!"



U.S. Senator Katie Britt set to speak at RWCC meeting in Enterprise, Ala.

U.S. Senator Katie Britt will be the guest speaker Wednesday, Aug. 21, for the Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] meeting.

Britt, an Enterprise native, will be updating those in attendance on what is going in DC, politics, and the world.

In 2023, Senator Britt was sworn in as Alabama's first elected female Senator, the youngest Republican woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate, and the only current Republican mom of school-aged kids serving in the Senate.

In the 118th Congress, Senator Britt serves on the Appropriations Committee, where she is ranking member of the Homeland Security subcommittee; the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and the Committee on Rules and Administration. She holds a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from



Senator Katie Britt

the University of Alabama School of Law. She now resides in Montgomery with her husband, Wesley, and their two children.

Social time for the meeting begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$15 buffet begins at 11:15; meeting opens at 11:45; and the program begins at approximately noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Aug. 18, to Pam at email: rwcclunchreservations@gmail.com. Please indicate if planning to eat.

For more information, call Pam at 334-806-8888.

Elba BOE hires alum to teach English

During a special called meeting Monday evening, Aug. 5, the Elba Board of Education accepted the resignation of Robyn Freeman as a high school English teacher. She had been approved for hire at a previous board meeting held in July.

After accepting Freeman's resignation, the board followed up with a vote to hire Elba alumnus Ryan McCollough to fill the English teacher spot vacated by Freeman.

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Prayer Walk for Schools
THE COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILL HOST THE ANNUAL PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS ON SUNDAY, AUG. 18, AT 4 P.M. ALL ARE INVITED TO GO TO THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE IN COFFEE COUNTY TO PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

"One of the easiest and safest choices drivers and

passengers can make is to buckle up," Colonel Archer continued. "We are losing way too many Alabamians of all ages in traffic crashes. We strongly encourage everyone to understand the potentially fatal consequences of not wearing a seat belt and learn what you can do to make sure you and your family are properly buckled up every time. Parents, please make time to talk with your teens before they get behind the wheel and make sure they understand that buckling up could save their lives."

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Taylor said, "We encourage everyone to take action by talking to your children about safety and set an example by practicing safe driving habits.

Plan for plenty of extra time to arrive at your workplace or destination.

Even if you are not a parent dropping off your child at school, keep in mind that

there is potential for more traffic on roadways with young drivers and congestion will grow around school zones.

Be extra cautious for school buses, pedestrians and children walking or biking to school."

Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety, Colonel Jonathan Archer agreed and said, "The safety of our students and young drivers is a paramount concern this time of year.

With a lot of first-time drivers on the road heading to school, we urge all drivers to exercise patience and understanding.

Please remember these new drivers are gaining experience and may make mistakes.

To ensure safety for all, please remain alert,

put away cell phones, and always wear your seatbelt."

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Remember Alabama's GDL restricts 16-year-old drivers from having more than one non-family member in the vehicle when driving.

4. No Alcohol or Drugs: Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Impaired driving is not only illegal, but it is extremely dangerous.

ALEA further urges all motorists to exercise caution and patience when driving through or near school zones and when sharing the road with school buses. It is crucial to adhere to the following guidelines for the safety of students:

1. Maintain a Safe Distance: Always keep a safe distance between your vehicle and a school bus to allow for sudden stops and children crossing the road.

Additionally, watch out for children on bicycles, and leave at least 3 feet between your vehicle and the cyclist when passing them.

2. Stop for School Buses: Obey all stop signs and flashing lights on school buses.

Failure to stop for a school bus loading or unloading children is not only illegal, but it also endangers young lives.

3. Be Alert: Pay attention to school zones and obey speed limits. Children may be crossing the road or walking near school premises. Also watch for bikes coming down driveways or from behind vehicles parked on the street.

With a focus on newly licensed 16- and 17-year-old drivers, ALEA stresses the importance of responsible driving habits. These young drivers, as well as all motorists, should remember the following:

1. Seat Belt Usage: Seat belts save lives. Always use your seat belt and ensure that all passengers in your vehicle do the same.

2. Distraction-Free Driving: Avoid such distractions as texting, eating or playing loud music while driving. Your full attention should be on the road.

3. Obey Traffic Laws: Adhere to speed limits, traffic signs and signals.

Respect other drivers on the road and be patient and courteous.

Additionally, never pass a vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda and Elba,
On Saturday, July 27, my brother, Neil, and I lost our father, Kenneth Grantham.

The outpouring of love and support from Elba and the surrounding communities that loved him and us was overwhelming. To have this wonderful small town as ours is such a blessing. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Kenneth Grantham loved

Elba, and Elba showed its love for him!
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Reese and Neil Grantham

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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

The 2024-2025 school year got underway Tuesday for Elba City Schools and Wednesday for Coffee County Schools, and social media was filled with those 'first day of school' photos. For the most part, there were lots of smiles on faces with the anticipation of what the new school year will bring. We simply pray for it to be a great year of learning for all students! Let's all prop them up wherever they may lean to be a uniting force for our respective communities. Our children - tomorrow's leaders - deserve it.

If you listen to the rumor mill, you may believe City of Elba officials do not intend to reopen the Pea River bridge on Davis Street in the downtown area. However, if you ask the city officials, they will tell you the rumor is false! The city council will meet Monday evening, Aug. 12, at its regular bi-monthly meeting time, and it is our understanding from asking questions that city leaders will look at declaring the needed repairs as an emergency so the work can get done sooner rather than later. If it is deemed an emergency many normal procedure 'loopholes' can be bypassed to allow the process to move much quicker. The reason behind deeming this project an emergency and ensuring the bridge is reopened is it allows emergency vehicles to get to where they need to go on that side of town much quicker. It also also faster entry/exit from the downtown area for those same emergency folks if needed.

We, personally, hope the city leaders continue to be proactive in getting the bridge issue fixed quickly because... well...we don't like having to go all the way around town to get certain places. We started out of the office one day last week headed to a meeting at a location 'just over the bridge' and had waited to leave with just enough time to get there at the designated meeting time. Well...as we walked to our vehicle, it suddenly hit us! We were going to have to go all the way around town and circle back to get to the meeting spot. We didn't have enough time to make it to the meeting 'on time' doing that. Realizing our mistake and not wanting to disrupt the meeting after it had already begun, we opted to stay at the office and continue our other work. We'll just have to catch the next meeting, and hopefully, will remember to leave the office several minutes sooner next time..

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou found herself being slapped in the face with some pretty powerful words last Sunday at church, and it got her to thinking just how often she /we miss the mark on things.

Lou Lou's preacher often says, "the Lord can hit straight with a crooked stick every time!" He was definitely doing that last Sunday.

It was one of those sermons where Lou Lou was paying attention to the preacher as he spoke, but some things were not really sinking in...truthfully, she was most likely thinking on other things she needed to do later in the day, etc.

Now...if you look at this message from the humorous side of life...Papa got his own lesson earlier this week in forgiveness! He had to forgive a local police officer that stopped him for SPEEDING!

Fortunately, the officer only gave Papa a written warning for his mess up, and he was thankful for that! However, he knew he should probably beat the small town chatter...so, he left the scene of the traffic stop and headed straight for Lou Lou's office.

"I thought I better come tell you before someone else does," Papa said as he walked into Lou Lou's office.

"What?" a confused Lou Lou asked.

"I just got stopped for speeding!"

Already laughing Lou Lou replied, "You have got to be kidding me! You got stopped for speeding. Where?"

Of all things for Papa to tell Lou Lou he had done that day...getting caught for speeding was not one of 'em! Turns out he was going a little too fast in a 25 mph zone, so, it made a bit more sense when he told Lou Lou that.

Any other day, Lou Lou would have expected Sister to be the getting stopped for that particular traffic violation...not Papa!

Now...the even better part is just last week Papa made a statement to one of his brother's that "Sister was the one with the lead foot in the Yonder Gang's house...um, excuse me sir...looks like she got it from you!!!! Just call him Speedy Gonzalez!!"

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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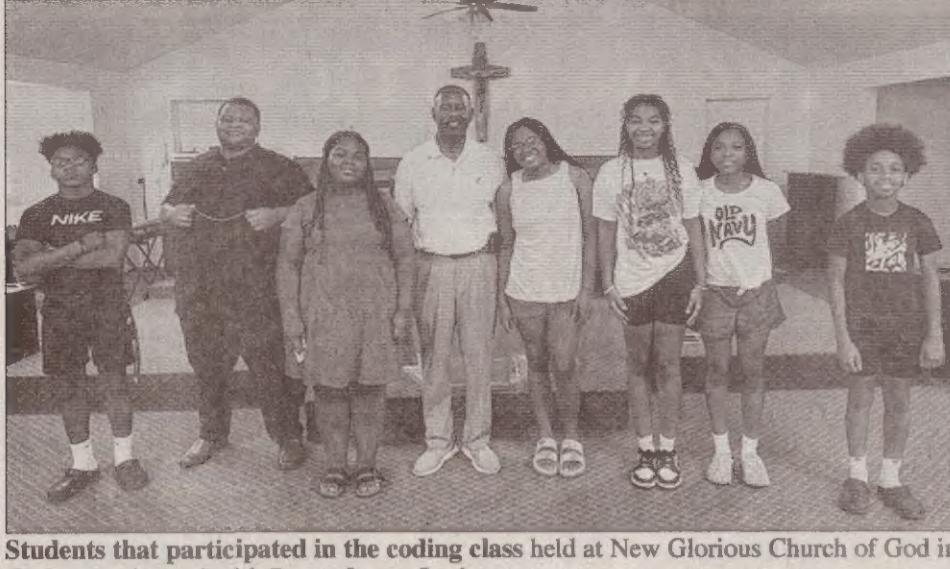
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Students that participated in the coding class held at New Glorious Church of God in Christ are pictured with Pastor James Starks.

New Glorious Church of God in Christ hosts coding workshop for students

New Glorious COGIC of Elba partnered Saturday, July 13, with Grove Community Outreach Inc. to host a coding class for students.

The goal of the class was to introduce students to the concept of coding and give them a glimpse of various careers in technology. The workshop was led by Lamar Goosby and Tamala Mashburn, co-founders of People2Work LLC, a digital platform designed to connect users in need of a service with contractors who can complete the job.

Goosby and Mashburn, together, have more than 30 years of experience in the global financial technology sector. Goosby's sons, Aaron and Gregory,

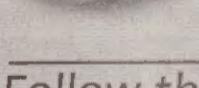
also served as instructors for the coding workshop. During the class, students had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in creating a video game. Through experimentation with various codes, students gained insight into the process of game development. As they progressed, instructors provided the young learners with advice and practical implications about the coding process. The session closed out with a competition. The students were divided into teams who raced against each other to apply what they had learned during the class to complete a series of challenges. The winning team received Amazon gift cards. All students received certificates for their

completion of the workshop. Earlier this year, Grove Community Outreach and People2Work held the workshop at Opelika Learning Center in Opelika, Ala. These efforts are part of an initiative to prepare students for an increasingly technology-based workforce and broaden their knowledge of career options. James Starks, pastor of New Glorious, said his church was pleased to host the program.

"We're grateful these software professionals chose to give back to the community," Pastor Starks said. "Our kids had an exciting day. We know that from now on, they will look at their phones and operating systems differently."



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED... The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 and the Opp Masonic Lodge #605 met Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, at the Elba Lodge for finger foods and fellowship. Following, PGM Brother Jamie Smith installed the new officers for the year June 24, 2024 through June 24, 2025. The installing marshal was District Ledger Brother Billy Wilkerson. Everyone enjoyed the special occasion and had a great time. The new Elba Lodge officers are pictured above. Those pictured include: (front, l to r) Marshal Charles Matthew Brunson Jr., J/S Kenneth Bridge Harrison, S/W Steve Kimble Dewberry, and Historian Charles Matthew Brunson Sr.; (middle, l to r) Treasurer Daniel Brock Stephens, S/D Edward Lamar Kelley Jr., J/W John Timothy Marler, S/S William Justin Prescott, and J/D Shawn LaDon Sawyer; (back, l to r) Installing Officer PGM Brother Jamie Smith, W/M Michael David Amison, and Chaplain William Harry Young.



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Obituaries

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MADELEINE STRICKLIN

Ms. Madeleine Stricklin, age 95, of Brantley, Ala., died Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Luverne Health & Rehabilitation. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

MARSHALL HAYES VAUGHAN

Mr. Marshall Hayes Vaughan, age 36, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ronald Nunn officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m.

After graduating from Zion Chapel High School in 2007, Hayes pursued a career in healthcare, working as a CNA at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, and later at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. Eventually, he found his true calling at Birdsong Peanut in Opp, where he enjoyed working outdoors and being part of his "Birdsong family." Hayes had a deep love for animals, particularly dogs and cats, whom he considered his "fur babies." He often drove around town with his dog, Izzy, in the front seat, both grinning from ear to ear. Living with his dad, Jimmy, Hayes was a devoted son and caretaker. He had a knack for keeping their home neat and tidy and took pride in maintaining their yard. Survivors include his father: Jimmy R Vaughan, Elba; sister: Heather (Patrick) Hancock, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; brother: Heath Vaughan, Elba; stepsisters: Ronda Sasser, Elba, and Arleen Pridgen, Birmingham, Ala.; stepbrother: Daniel Pridgen, Elba; nieces: Lexi (AJ McQueen) Vaughan, Panama City, Fla., Makenna Yeboah, Santa Rosa Beach, Shannon

Vaughan, Marlee Sasser, Rachel Brunson, Danielle Pridgen, all of Elba; nephews: Ayden Yeboah, Santa Rosa Beach, and Jake Brunson, Elba; great-niece: Delaney Cherch, Elba; and great-nephew: Archer McQueen, Panama City.

PEGGY VIRGINIA CALERO

Mrs. Peggy Virginia Calero, age 97, of Montgomery, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., at 3 p.m., with Pastor Lyvord Swain officiating. Burial followed in the Green Hills Cemetery in Troy, Ala. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 2 until 3 p.m.

Mrs. Calero was preceded in death by her parents, George and Inez Clark Lunsford. Survivors include her husband: Mario Calero, Montgomery; and nephew: Lawrence Padilla, Hialeah, Fla.

WILLIAM MICHAEL WATERS

Mr. William Michael Waters, age 70, a resident of Brundidge, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 8,

2024, at 11 a.m., at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brundidge with the Rev. Roger Waldrop and Rev. Carey Mauldin officiating. Burial will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Dillard Funeral Home in Brundidge.

Mike attended college at Troy State University where he played football and met many lifelong friends. After completion of his college education, he carried his love of sports onto coaching high school athletics at Carrabelle High School in Carrabelle, Fla., Pike Liberal Arts School in Troy, Ala., Elba High School in Elba, Ala., Pike County High School in Brundidge, and Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Ala.

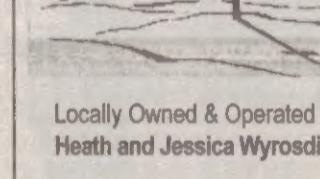
He was preceded in death by his parents, William Rockford and Mary Waters.

Survivors include his wife: Susie Waters; daughters: Ammie (Derrick) Thompson, Jennifer Waters; son: Carson Waters; grandchildren: Asa and Lou Lou Thompson; and his two faithful canine companions: Gypsy and Nick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery Fund: 2817 County Road 3316, Brundidge, AL 36010 or a charity of choice.

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Do your pre-payment plans cover all the services I want, or will there be extra charges later?

What payment options do you offer (lump sum, installments, insurance policies)?

How will you secure my pre-paid money (trust, insurance, other)?

What happens if the funeral home goes out of business? Is my money protected?

Are there any state regulations that protect pre-need funeral funds?

Can I get a refund if I change my mind? Are there any fees associated with this?

What happens if I move to a different area? Can I transfer my plan to a different funeral home?

Can I make changes to the services I've selected in my pre-payment plan?

Do you offer any discounts or special pricing for pre-payment plans?

Can you provide references or testimonials from families who have used your pre-payment services?

Are you a member of any reputable funeral industry organizations?

Important: Don't be afraid to ask questions until you're completely comfortable. A reputable funeral home will be transparent and patient in explaining their pre-payment options.

Tip: Take notes during your discussions and have the funeral home provide written copies of any price lists or contracts.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE F. FEAGIN, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR-2024-133

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Martha F. Kent, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anne F. Feagin, deceased, on the 26th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Foster Norris, Deceased Case No. 24-789

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of

said deceased have been

granted to Anthony Helms,

Personal Representative, on

the 17th day of July, 2024

by the Honorable Toby L.

Seay, Judge of Probate

Court, Geneva County,

Alabama. Notice is hereby

given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RALPH OLIN FARRIS, Deceased.

CASE NO. 24-768

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Felicia Mock on the 16th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charlene W. Martin Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Grove Park, Suite 670
Dothan, Alabama 36305
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN HINSON, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2024-135

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to VEDA LARAINA CLARK on the 23rd day of July, 2024. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred;

DONE this the 29th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES C. DONALDSON, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2024-038

TAKE NOTICE that

Letters Testamentary having

been granted to Janies Smith

Donaldson, as Personal

Representative of the

Estate of Charles C.

Donaldson, deceased,

on the 30th day of July, 2024

by the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons

having claims against the

said Estate are hereby

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Judge of Probate

8/1,8&15-pd.

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of June, 2014, Audrea T. Knight, did execute and deliver to Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Alabama, Inc., a mortgage which was recorded in OFFREC Book 675, Pages 18-30, on certain real estate herein described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and WHEREAS default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that real estate mortgage, and said default continuing, said Mortgage is now subject to foreclosure. NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale on September 25th 2024, the following described real estate, to wit: Lot 3, Fuller Village, as shown on plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 372, Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.

Property address for informational purposes: 116 Johnson St., Enterprise, AL 36330.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to the subject property. Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, and amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate wherein the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

This sale is subject to postponement of cancellation. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, INC.

BY: /s/ Charles H. Ellzey, Esq.

THE LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES H. ELLZEY, PLLC

ATTORNEY FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COFFEE COUNTY

8/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF Hobson Eugene Walden Sr.

Alleged non compos mentis

CASE NO.: PR-2024-129

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION APPOINTING TEMPORARY

GUARDIANSHIP
TO RICHARD LEE WALDEN whose address is unknown. You will hereby take notice, that on this day, Hobson Eugene Walden, Jr., filed with this Court his Petition For Temporary Guardianship and Conservatorship of the above name person, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr. You are notified to be and appear before me, at my office in the Courthouse of said County and State at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th day of September, 2024, when the petition will be considered, and show, if anything you have to allege, why the petitioner should not be granted Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship of said, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr. Dated this 30th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
8/8,15&22-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA H. TYSON, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-140

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Virginia H. Tyson having been granted to Earlie Johnson, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 5th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNETTE SIMS, deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-142

TAKE NOTICE

Letters of Administration having been granted to Larry Tidwell as Administrator of the Estate of Annette Sims, deceased, on the 5th day of August, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE SIMS, deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-142

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Judge of Probate
8/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jimmy C. Tomberlin, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-138

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

NOTES TESTAMENTARY

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CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist and Westside Baptist churches sponsor back-to-school bash

A Back-to-School Bash was held Wednesday evening, July 31, on the grounds of First Baptist Church Elba.

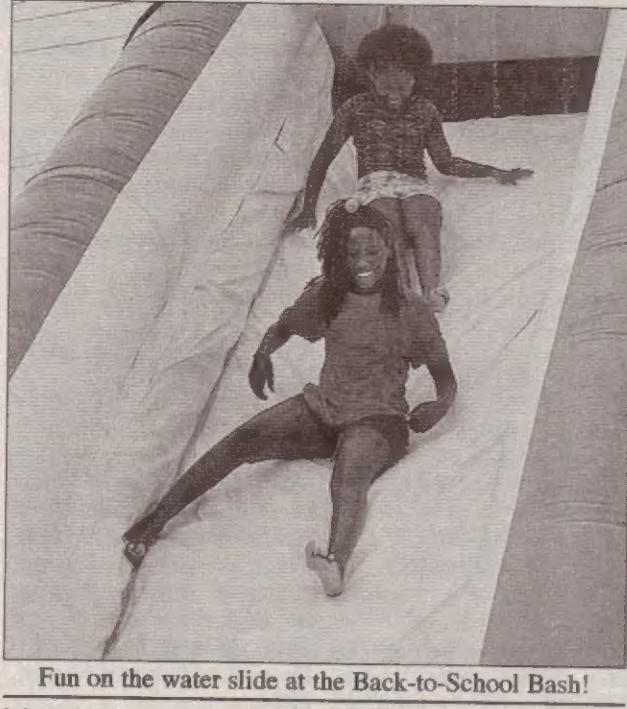
This event was co-sponsored by First Baptist Church and Westside Baptist Church. The event also included a scheduled blood drive.

"We had great attendance for both the back-to-school

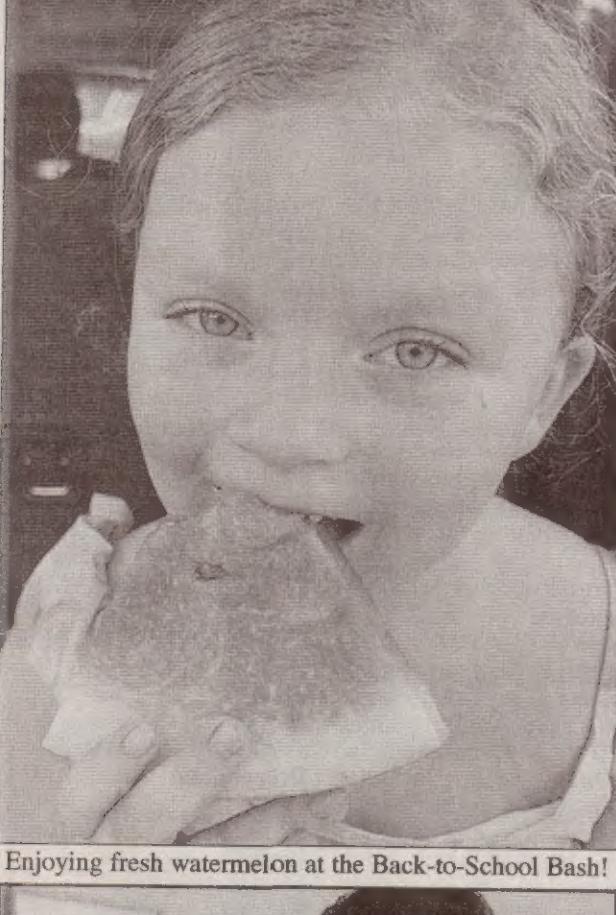
bash and the blood drive," said Kit Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Both churches donated paper towels, Lysol wipes, and Kleenex to Elba City Schools for the elementary and high schools. This came as a request from the school counselors.

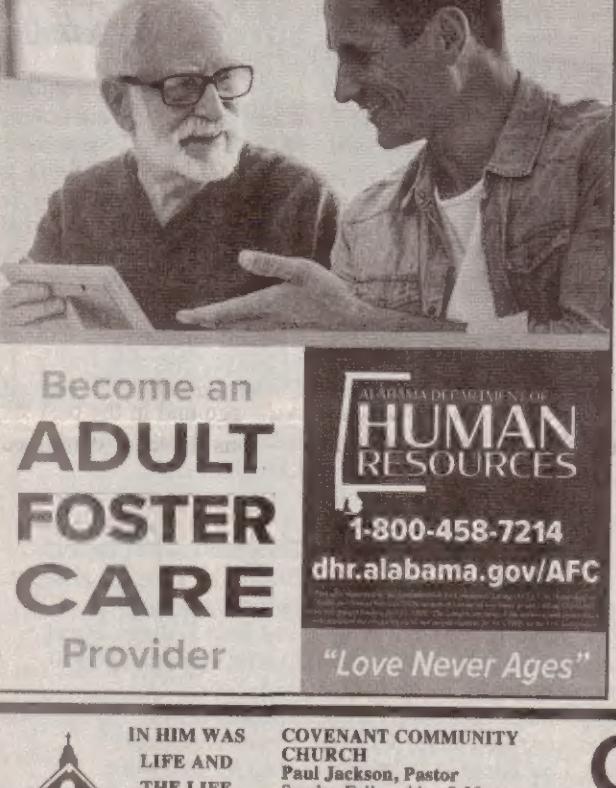
According to Johnson, "a good time was had by all!"



Fun on the water slide at the Back-to-School Bash!



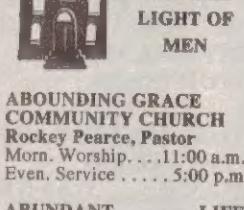
Enjoying fresh watermelon at the Back-to-School Bash!



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CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service...7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class...6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train...3:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH
Reonica Smith, Pastor
Church Service...9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The last weekend of summer vacation was a busy one for these old grandparents as we took our youngest grandson to swimming lessons, went with our oldest grandson to open house at his new school and then went with him and his Mom to an 'escape room' in Enterprise. WOW.... I am already looking forward to the weekend!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Kinston 12 and Under All-Stars** concluded an amazing summer on the softball field last week with a second place finish at the Babe Ruth World Series. Teams from thirteen states and two foreign countries were in the field, and Kinston posted a 7-1 record at the tournament to take home the runner-up trophy, memories that will last a lifetime and experience that will no doubt pay dividends as the youngsters continue their careers in softball, and all sports. Kinston posted three one-run wins in the tournament against some of the top teams on the planet, and before the final game one parent of a player wrote on her Facebook account that 'Kinston, population 508, was getting ready to play in the championship game against Jefferson Parish, with a population of 425,000.' The Kinston girls played hard for all seven innings in the championship game in an effort to shock the world, but the two-time defending series champs made it three straight with a win, as Kinston placed second ahead of third place Mexico. This group of players, their coaches, parents and fans are to be commended for all they did at the World Series, and all summer, and have set a high bar for future teams from the small town in south Coffee County to reach. Great job, girls, don't let the wording on the trophy fool ya', the Kinston All-Stars are champions!

*** **This week's high school football** preseason spotlight shines on the Zion Chapel Rebels and the Brantley Bulldogs.

The Rebels haven't won a region title since back in 1979 and last season posted a 5-5 record, but are convinced a move into a new region will bring new life and new success, and after looking at the schedule it does appear the team has a real shot at posting a winning and possibly advancing to the playoffs. Four wins appear to be almost a sure thing against Ellwood Christian, Calhoun, Barbour County and Pleasant Home, while the Rebels should also be favored against Kinston and Pike Lib, which would add up to six wins and a playoff berth. Nothing ever comes easy on the football field. However, the Rebels never back down, and this could be a season their fans get to stand and cheer more often than in quite some time.

The Bulldogs struggled at times last season due to injuries and inexperience at key positions, but are determined to get back on top of the region and with a 22-30 all-time region record and 32 region titles it is easy to see the excitement and confidence building at the pound. Brantley still has a couple of very tough opponents on the schedule in region rival Elba, county rivals Luverne and Highland Home, and 2A power Ariton. However, these Bulldogs have never backed down from a challenge and are no doubt looking forward to quickly making everyone forget about last season's struggles. It won't be easy, but everyone knows you never bet against the 'Dogs.

*** **In Closing I have been watching a new podcast** about Alabama football and in the first two episodes the guest was former Crimson Tide radio announcer Eli Gold. Gold made it clear it was not his idea to step down from the booth, but didn't throw anyone under the bus and told some funny stories about Nick Saban and explained what really goes on in the Pressbox at games. I remember many years ago when I first began broadcasting Elba Tiger football games I got on the computer and tried to find a phone number to get some pointers. When that didn't work I emailed him at the company that he worked for and a few days later I got a call back with words of advice. For him to take the time to call a high school radio announcer was certainly not expected, but was greatly appreciated, and from that day on he was my favorite sports personality.

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Zion Chapel Rebels march into new region, renew county rivalry on '24 grid schedule

The Zion Chapel Rebels will make the move to Class 2A, Region 3 this season in high school football and will compete in a balanced schedule that includes one home game and one game on the road for consecutive weeks throughout the season.

In their sixty-third year on the gridiron, the Rebels own an all-time record of 210-412-1, claimed their last region title back in 1979 and last season posted a 5-5 record.

The coaching tree at Zion Chapel finds John Frank Hudson on top with a 54-50 record in three stints at the helm, followed by David Collins with a 32-37 record in two stints as the head coach, Mike Waters with a 15-26 record, Harry Lees with a 15-27 record and Randy Bryant with a 15-36 record.

Zion Chapel will open the season at home when it welcomes Kinston back to the schedule after a two-year absence. The Rebels own a 25-22 all-time record against their cross-county rivals, but lost the last meeting 20-12 back in 2021. Coach Rudy Free is in his sixth season at Kinston and has a 19-32 record. The Bulldogs have posted a 6-14 record the last two years after a banner 8-4 record in 2021.

Zion Chapel will hit the road to Selma for a week two showdown against the Ellwood Christian Eagles. The game will mark the first time the teams have met on the gridiron, and will also mark a return to the field for the Eagles, which last fielded a team back in 2019 after posting a 1-38 record the previous four years.

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Zion Chapel will return home in week three for a region clash with the Goshen Eagles. The Rebels have a 6-26 all-time record in the series, have lost the last ten match-ups and dropped a 35-7 decision a year ago. Coach Don Moore is in his fourth season with the Eagles with a 16-16 record, and has led Goshen to back-to-back winning seasons, including a 9-3 record last year.

Zion Chapel will be back on the road the following week when it tangles with the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in a key region clash. The Rebels have an 8-12 all-time record against the Squadron and won the last meeting by forfeit back in 2019. Coach Justin Bragg is in his first year at Highland Home, which has posted a 30-10 record the last three years, and a 21-5 region record the last four seasons.

Zion Chapel will be back at home in week number five for a region encounter with the Luverne Tigers. The Rebels are 0-8 all-time in the series and lost 60-0 in their last game with the Tigers in 2019. Coach Bobby Hudson is in his first year at Luverne and is the third different head coach in the last three seasons. The Tigers have posted a 3-9 record the past two years and have claimed a total of 620 wins in 104 years on the gridiron.

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winning seasons.

Brantley will be at home in week number two for a region clash with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs are 23-1 all-time against the Eagles, have won the last twenty-two meetings and a year ago won 37-7. Coach Kevin Bind is in his first season at Pleasant Home, which struggled to a 1-9 record last season and suffered eight straight losing seasons.

Brantley will be back on the road for a week three region match-up against the Red Level Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 6-14 series edge against the Tigers, have won the last twenty meetings and last season posted a 54-13 win. Coach Kenny Sipper is in his eighth season at Red Level,

owns an 18-50 record as the Tigers head coach, and last season led the team to a 2-8 record.

Brantley will return home in week number four for a key region battle with the Elba Tigers. The Bulldogs are 13-34 all-time against the Tigers, have lost four of the last five meetings, and a year ago lost 48-0. Coach Marc Sieving is in his fifth year at Elba and has posted a 40-8 record, including a 13-1 record last season, and over the past three years has led the Tigers to a 34-4 record.

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Against international field

Kinston places second at BR 'World Series'

The 2024 Babe Ruth Softball 'World Series' was held last week in Florence, Alabama, with teams representing 13 states and two foreign countries competing in the 12 and Under division, and when the weeklong tournament drew to a close the team that claimed second place in the international tournament was the Kinston All-Stars, from Kinston, Alabama.

Team members included Adelyn Jarrell, Adalyn Whigham, Aubrey Norris, Bella Carter, Delia Pennington, Elin Everheart, Ella Greene, Emma Miranda, Harper Morris, Haley Swager, Layla Carter, Emmalyn Jarrell, Ollie-Mae McCrummen

and Kylee Jerkins. The team was managed by Steven Jarrell, assisted by coaches Tim Whigham, Zach Pennington and Cara Morris.

Following are highlights from all eight tournament games:

Kinston 13 Spring-Ford 12

The Kinston All-Stars watched a five-run sixth inning lead evaporate, but rallied in the tenth inning with three runs and this time held on to sneak past Spring-Ford (Pennsylvania). The Stars owned a 10-5 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth after plating six runs in the top of the inning, but saw Spring-Ford rally to

pull even in the pool play opener for both teams.

Aubrey Norris had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Delia Pennington added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's; Adalyn Whigham added 3 hits and scored 1 run; Ella Greene added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Harper Morris added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Layla Carter added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Elin Everheart, Adelyn Jarrell and Hayley Swager combined to pitch 10 innings, with Jarrell pitching nine innings, and allowed nine earned runs on 16 hits and six walks, while striking out eight.

Kinston 6 Stamford 5

The Kinston All-Stars rallied from an early 3-1 deficit to post an exciting 6-5 win over Stamford (Connecticut). Kinston scored two runs in the fourth inning and added three runs in the fifth to open up a 6-3 lead, but had to hold on late to claim its second win in pool play.

Ella Greene had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Kinston at the plate, while Emma Miranda added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Kylee Jerkins



KINSTON ALL-STARS - The Alabama State Champion Kinston All-Stars wore their special "USA" jerseys in a game during last week's Babe Ruth World Series to honor their nation.

Kinston 9 Terry County 1

The Kinston All-Stars led all the way to post a 9-1 win over Terry County (Texas), in third round pool play action. The Stars led only 2-0 after one inning, but plated six runs in the second inning to take command rolled to the three-inning win.

Delia Pennington had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Adelyn Jarrell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Harper Morris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Layla Carter added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Aubrey Norris and Emma Miranda both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Adalyn Whigham added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Adelyn Jarrell and Elin Everheart combined to pitch four innings, with Jarrell pitching three innings, and combined to toss a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Kinston 11 Hernando Youth 0

The Kinston All-Stars began bracket play with a dominating 11-0 win over Hernando Youth (Florida). The Stars failed to score in their first at-bat, but scored five runs in the second and six in the third to advance in the national tournament.

Aubrey Norris had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston at the plate, while Ella Greene added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Kylee Jerkins added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Emma Miranda added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Delia Pennington added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Adalyn Whigham added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Layla Carter had 3 rbi's; Adelyn Jarrell had 1 rbi; and, Harper Morris scored 1 run. Adelyn Jarrell and Elin Everheart combined to pitch four innings, with Jarrell pitching three innings, and combined to toss a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Kylee Jerkins had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Emma Miranda and Adalyn Whigham both added 2 hits; Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Layla Carter scored 1 run.

Adelyn Jarrell pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits and three walks, while striking out two.

Kinston 15 Berkshire Force 5

The Kinston All-Stars used a seven-run third inning to take charge and rolled to a big 15-5 win over Berkshire Force (Massachusetts). The Stars owned a slim 3-2 lead heading into the bottom of the third, but broke the game open and easily held on to claim the bracket win and move on toward the finals.

Adalyn Whigham had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Kylee Jerkins and Emma Miranda both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Aubrey Norris and Layla Carter both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Elin Everheart added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Harper Morris added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Ella Greene added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Adelyn Jarrell scored 2 runs; and, Delia Pennington scored 1 run. Haley Swager pitched

five innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and two walks, while striking out four.

Aubrey Norris had two doubles to lead Kinston at the plate, while Delia Pennington added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Layla Carter added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Haley Swager pitched



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